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CSCE, LOS, UNGA, AND THE NORTH.

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SUMMARY IN HIS FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT TO STORTING
NOV 7 FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND DIRECTED ATTENTION
TO CSCE, LOS AND UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, OUTLINING
DEVELOPMENTS AND NORWAY'S POLICY TO ILLUSTRATE FUN-
DAMENTAL EAST-WEST, NORTH-SOUTH AND GLOBAL CHANGES
IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND NORWAY'S RESPONSE TO THEM.
HE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED IMPORTANCE OF THE ARCTIC IN EAST-
WEST RELATIONS AND REITERATED CASE FOR STRONG ASSERTION
OF SOVEREIGNTY ON SVALBARD AND OF NORWEGIAN POSITION
ON SVALBARD CONTINENTAL SHELF. HE PRAISED SECRETARY
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO RECENT MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.
END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S ADDRESS TO STORTING
ON FOREIGN POLICY HIGHLIGHTED CSCE, LOS AND UNGA
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. NOTING THRONE SPEECH (SEE REF S B AND C)
HAS ALREADY DECLARED GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE ESTABLISHED
LINES OF FOREIGN POLICY, HE OUTLINED MAJOR WORLD
DEVELOPMENTS AND NORWAY'S ATTITUDE TO THEM. HE BROKE
NO NEW GROUND BUT SET STAGE FOR UPCOMING GOVERNMENT
REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON CSCE AND STORTING DEBATES ON
FOREIGN AID AND SVALBARD POLICY.

2. HE DEPICTED CSCE AS ONE POSITIVE STEP IN REVIVING
EAST-WEST RELATIONS, STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN
CONTACT PROVISIONS AND OF EFFECTIVE FOLLOW UP. NOTING
DEBATE ON DETENTE IN SOME WESTERN NATIONS HE SAID
HE VIEWS NORWEGIAN NATIONAL INTEREST IN SAFEGUARDING
AND CONTINUING DETENTE AND SEES NO OTHER RESPONSIBLE
ALTERNATIVE TO A CAUTIOUS POLICY OF INCREASED CONTACTS,
COOPERATION AND RELAXATION OF TENSIONS BETWEEN EAST
AND WEST. NORWAY, HE SAID, WOULD CONTINUE TO SOLVE
ITS SECURITY PROBLEMS AND IMPLEMENT DETENTE IN CO-
OPERATION WITH ITS ALLIES IN NATO. ON EUROPEAN RELATIONS
HE POINTED TO NORWAY'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CLOSE
CONTACTS WITH EEC MEMBER STATES ON FOREIGN POLICY.
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3. FRYDENLUND PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF
THE LOS CONFERENCE, INDICATING NORWAY'S SUPPORT OF AN
INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY WITH RIGHT TO
OPERATE AND DIRECT EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL DEPOSITS
ON SEABED AND THE CRUCIAL STAKE NORWAY HAS ON ACHIEVING
FINAL CONFERENCE AGREEMENT.

4. NOTING THAT EAST-WEST AND OCEAN RESOURCES ACTIVITIES CONVERGE IN THE NORTH, HE POINTED TO INCREASED WEIGHT NORTHERN AREAS HAVE IN NORWAY'S FOREIGN POLICY. SOVIET-NORWEGIAN RELATIONS WERE PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY SOVIET NAVY BUILDUP, NOV 24 CONTINENTAL SHELF NEGOTIATIONS, FISHERY ISSUES AND SVALBARD, HE SAID. HE SAID NORWAY'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER SVALBARD IS INCONTESTABLE, NOTING THAT STORTING WILL DEBATE SVALBARD POLICY SOON. HE MADE STRONG POINT OF OUTLINING FORCEFULLY NORWAY'S POSITION ON CONTINENTAL SHELF BOTH ON LEGAL GROUNDS AND STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS (SEE SEPTTEL).

5. ON UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE IN POSITIVE OUTCOME OF SESSION AND IN NEED FOR IMPLEMENTING ITS RESOLUTIONS. HE CALLED THE SESSION AND THE UPCOMING PARIS CONFERENCE OF OIL PRODUCERS, INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES A FORWARD STEP IN DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES. NOTING STORTING PLANS TO DEBATE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH LDC'S HE SAID GOVERNMENT'S VIEW AS THAT NORWAY SHOULD TAKE SAME FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TO DEVELOPMENT AS IT DID TO DISMANTLING COLONIAL SYSTEM.

6. IN OTHER AREAS HE MENTIONED GOVERNMENT'S SOLIDARITY WITH DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN SPAIN AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO PORTUGAL. CITING THE FAVORABLE TREND IN MIDDLE EAST, HE PRAISED SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR HIS WORK AS MEDIATOR THERE AND STRESSED NORWAY'S OPPOSITION BOTH TO RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND TO EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN UN ACTIVITIES.

7. COMMENT: THERE IS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVELY NEW OF CONTROVERSIAL IN FRYDENLUND'S PRESENTATION, WHICH IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DESIGNED TO RELATE DIVERSE FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES AND THUS TO SET STAGE FOR STORTING GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE AND LATER SVALBARD AND FOREIGN AID DEBATES IN MODERATE NON-CONTROVERSIAL ATMOSPHERE.
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